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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In The Claims:**

Rewrite claims 1, 5, and 34 as follows:

- A:  
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1. (Amended) A method of managing television network bandwidth comprising:
    - broadcasting a plurality of programs on a plurality of channels to a plurality of receivers across said network;
    - identifying each channel of said plurality of channels to which at least one receiver of said plurality of receivers connected to said network is tuned;
    - determining if at least one channel of said plurality of channels is not tuned by any one of said plurality of receivers; and